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C O N F I D E N T I A L VALLETTA 1923

E.O. 11652: GDS

TAGS: PINT, MT

SUBJ: GOM MASS MEETING

REF: VALLETTA 1904

1. DOI NEWS RELEASE ANNOUNCED THAT GOM REPEAT GOM WILL HOLD A MASS MEETING (NO DAT GIVEN). "IN ORDER TO ANNIHILATE THE FALSEHOODS AND DISTORTION OF FACTS UTTERED AT BLATA L-BAJDA AND IN OTHER CONFERENCES, THE GOVERNMENT HAS DECIDED TO REACH THE PEOPLE BY THE SAME MEANS WHICH THE NATIONALIST OPPOSITON HAD AT ITS DISPOSAL, THAT IS BY HOLDING A MASS MEETING.

"DURING THIS MASS MEETING THE GOVERNMENT WILL EXPLAIN HOW, IN ORDER TO BECOME TRULY INDEPENDENT, MALTA MUST FIRST OF ALL UNSHACKLE FROM ALL FOREIGN TIES ANDPLACE ITS ECONOMY ON SOUND FOUNDATIONS SINCE IT IS ONLY IN THIS WAY THAT MALTA CAN BECOME A SOVEREIGN AND INDEPENDENT NATION."

2. WHEN QUERIED ON SUBJECT, DOI DIRECTOR PELLEFRINI STRESSED  
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TO US THAT IT WOULD BE "A GOM MEETING, NOT AN MLP MEETING."

HE SAID DATE WOULD BE ANNOUNCED SHORTLY.

3. COMMENT: THIS MOVE APPEARS A MINTOFF OVER-REACTION TO  
SUCCESS OF NATIONALIST SEPT 21 DEMON-  
STRATION. EVEN A VERY LARGE TRUNOUT WILL NOT EARN HIM MANY  
POINTS AS IT IS WELL KNOWN THAT HE CAN CALL OUT LARGE GROUPS  
OF SUPPORTERS VIRTUALLY AT WILL. WE IMAGINE THAT THIS IS  
REASON FOR DESCRIBING IT AS "GOVERNMENT" RATHER THAN "LABOT"  
MASS MEETING.  
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